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Infographics You Need!

An infographic is a visual representation of any information or data. They can be effective educational tools as they break complex information into easy-to-understand components.

Infographics are perfect for infection prevention and control education since they use imagery to highlight, explain, or enhance text-based details. They capture attention, convey information, and encourage data retention for many types of learners.

Project Firstline offers shareable infection control infographics for healthcare facilities and providers. Use the infographics to help keep everyone at your facility confident about their infection control decisions.

PA Project Firstline Newsletter First Anniversary



It's hard to believe, but it has been a year since we published our first newsletter! As part of the PA Project Firstline program, we launched the newsletter to supplement our educational initiatives. Our program is an innovative project to promote foundational knowledge on infection prevention and control (IPC) for all types of frontline healthcare workers in Pennsylvania. Developed in partnership with the CDC, we strive to build Pennsylvania's healthcare workforce expertise in IPC. We at the PA Project Firstline team look forward to many more great years serving Pennsylvania's frontline healthcare workforce!

Request a Project Firstline Training for Your Facility

Are you interested in Project Firstline training at your facility? The PA Project Firstline (PFL) team is working hard to bring our training to you! To request virtual or in-person training for your facility, we have a web form you can fill out to let us know what types of training and topics you are interested in. Check out our new training request form here: [Pennsylvania Project Firstline Training Request Form.](#)

Currently, there are eight different CDC Project Firstline infographics available for you:

- [Skin](#)
- [Respiratory System](#)
- [Blood](#)
- [Gut](#)
- [Water and Wet Surfaces](#)
- [Dry Surfaces](#)
- [Dirt and Dust](#)
- [Devices](#)

Need Continuing Education Credits?

Check out [videos](#) with CDC's Dr. Abby Carlson to learn the basic ideas behind infection control, how they work to prevent COVID-19, and how using infection control actions while you're at work can protect you, your patients, your co-workers, and your community.

[Earn a certificate of completion](#) for watching Inside Infection Control episodes on CDC TRAIN. Launch the video from TRAIN to receive your certificate.

Earn continuing education through Training and Continuing Education Online (TCEO):

[Group One – Introduction to Infection Control and Virus Basics](#)

[Group Two – Injection Safety](#)

[Group Three – PPE Basics](#)

[Group Four – Respirator Basics](#)

[Group Five – Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Basics](#)

[Group Six – Ventilation, Source Control, and Hand Hygiene](#)

[Group Seven – How COVID-19 Spreads](#)

Frontline Healthcare Worker Survey

PA Project Firstline is distributing an online survey to frontline healthcare workers. The survey will assess healthcare worker literacy in infection prevention and control and identify training gaps. The PA Project Firstline team will develop training to address the identified gaps. To help inform PFL what your learning needs are, please scan the QR code below with your phone or click [this link](#) to complete the survey.



What's Wrong with This Picture: Nurses' Station

Check your infection control knowledge and gain valuable feedback in real-time with interactive, educational infection control resources. Click on the image below to follow the link to the CDC webpage and complete the interactive learning activity.

Identify four problems that need to be fixed to reduce the spread of germs.



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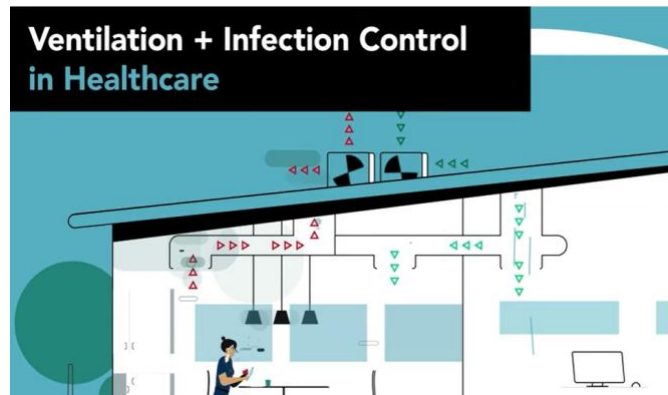
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Ventilation and Infection Control in Healthcare



Proper ventilation is an essential tool to stop the spread of germs. Every time we breathe, we release respiratory droplets into the air. These droplets can be harmless or carry infectious germs like viruses. Respiratory droplets are just one of many particles in the air around us. Other air particles can come from routinely cleaning, walking on a carpet, and even moving our clothes. We routinely use many items in healthcare, like mechanical devices, including toilets and heater/cooler devices in operating rooms, which can release particles into the air.

Well-maintained ventilation systems will remove particles from the air we shouldn't breathe in by pulling old air out of the room and mixing clean air in, which, together with other infection control actions, helps prevent the spread of germs.

For more information, visit [cdc.gov/projectfirstline](https://www.cdc.gov/projectfirstline) or click on the title of this article.